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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a preliminary amendment which places application s/n 10/697,667 in a condition ready for examination by Examiner Williams in Art Unit 3712.

- Amendments to the claims beings on page 2 of this correspondence
- Arguments begins on page 8 of this correspondence
- Remarks begin on page 8 of this correspondence.

Included with this correspondence is an Information Disclosure of non-patent prior art for consideration by Examiner Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,

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